

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0605-0052

Case Title:

Southwest Rice Mill

Reporting Office:

Baton Rouge, LA, Resident Office

Subject of Report:

Bill of Information filed against Southwest Rice Mill and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Activity Date:

July 19, 2013

Reporting Official and Date:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Special Agent

30-JUL-2013, Signed by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Special Agent in Charge

30-JUL-2013, Approved by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

On Friday, July 19th, 2013, a Bill of Information was filed in the Western District of Louisiana charging Southwest Rice Mill (SWRM) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (SWRM owner) with each violating one misdemeanor count of the Clean Water Act; specifically, 33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(1)(A) and 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(3), Negligent Discharge of Hazardous Materials.

DETAILS

On Friday, July 19th, 2013, a plea packet, consistent with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 11(c)(1)(C), was received by Assistant United States Attorney Myers Namie in the Western District of Louisiana relative to the agreement by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6) company, Southwest Rice Mill, to plead guilty to a Negligent Discharge of Hazardous Materials, specifically 33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(1)(A) and 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(3). Pursuant to the agreement, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Southwest Rice Mill will pay the full restitution amount submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the combined amount of \$1,012,401.98.

On July 19th, 2013, a Bill of Information was filed in U.S. District Court in Lafayette, Louisiana, charging Southwest Rice Mill (SWRM) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (SWRM owner) with each violating one misdemeanor count of the Clean Water Act; specifically, 33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(1)(A) and 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(3), Negligent Discharge of Hazardous Materials.

An initial appearance and guilty plea is scheduled for Monday, August 5th, 2013 at 3:00 P.M.

A copy of the Bill of Information is included as an attachment to this report.

ATTACHMENT

Bill of Information

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